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PART IV-A

**Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made
by the Government of Gujarat under the Central Acts**

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 27th December, 2024

CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

No. GK/77/2024/JSR/1982/994/D(part-III) :- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 read with the Articles 233 and 234 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Gujarat after consultation with the High Court of Gujarat, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005 namely :-

- (1) These rules may be called the Gujarat State Judicial Service (4th Amendment) Rules, 2024.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.
- In the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “the said rules”), the existing table under sub rule (2) of rule 3 shall be substituted namely :-

“TABLE

Sr.No	Cadres	Existing Posts (As on date)	Re-designated Posts
1.	2	3	4
1	District Judge	1. Principal Judge and other Judges of the City Civil Court 2. Principal District Judges	1. Principal Judge, Additional Principal Judge and other Judges of the City Civil Court 2. Principal District Judges

Sr.No	Cadres	Existing Posts (As on date)	Re-designated Posts
		3. Additional District Judges 4. President, Industrial Court 5. Member, Industrial Court	3. Additional District Judges 4. President, Industrial Court 5. Member, Industrial Court
2	Senior Civil Judge	1. Principal Senior Civil Judge 2. Additional Senior Civil Judge 3. Chief Judge and Additional Chief Judge, Small Causes Court 4. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate 5. Chief Judicial Magistrates 6. Metropolitan Magistrates 7. Judges of Small Causes Court 8. Judge, Labour Court (S.D.)	1. Principal Senior Civil Judge 2. Additional Senior Civil Judge 3. Chief Judge and Additional Chief Judge, Small Causes Court 4. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ahmedabad City 5. Chief Judicial Magistrate 6. Additional Chief Judicial Magistrates, Ahmedabad City. 7. Judges of Small Causes Court 8. Judge, Labour Court (S.D.)
3	Civil Judge	1. Principal Civil Judge 2. Additional Civil Judge 3. Judicial Magistrates First Class 4. Judge(J.D.)	1. Principal Civil Judge 2. Additional Civil Judge 3. Judicial Magistrates First Class 4. Judge, Labour Court (J.D.)

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3. In the said rules, in rule 5, in sub rule (2), in clause (c), after the words and bracket “Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)” the words and bracket “or Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) or Economically Weaker Sections” shall be inserted.
4. In the said rules, in rule7, in sub-rule (2), in clause (c), after the words “Scheduled Tribe”, following words shall be added at the end :-
“or Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) or Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) or Economically Weaker Sections”.
5. In the said rules, in rule 7, in sub-rule (2), in clause (c), all three Provisos shall be deleted.
6. In the said rules, after the rule 7, the rule-7(A) shall be inserted:-
“7 (A) – Reservation : Reservation to posts in the service for the members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other categories including women shall be in accordance with orders of the Government for reservation as adopted by the High Court.

Provided that horizontal reservation for women to posts in service in direct recruitment shall be subject to suitability i.e. if the sufficient number of women candidates is not available, then in that event the reservation shall not have any operation to the extent of such unavailability.

Provided further that there shall be no carry forward of reservation for women.”.

7. In the said rules, in rule 8, for sub-rules (1), (2), (3) and (4) the following shall be substituted namely:-

“(1). The Competitive Examination for Direct Recruitment to the cadre of District Judge and Civil Judge shall consist of :

- (i) Preliminary Examination
- (ii) Main Written Examination
- (iii) Viva-voce Test

such examinations will be conducted as per the syllabus, marking pattern, qualifying standard/ criteria, etc. as decided by the Selection Committee from time to time.

- (2) (a) The candidates who obtain 50% or more marks for unreserved category and 45% for reserved categories (SC, ST, SEBC, EWS, PwBD) shall be called for appearing in the next stage of Written Examination and shall be eligible for being called for Viva-voce Test.
- (b) for candidate of Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD), candidates upto 20 (twenty) times of the total number of vacancies reserved for such candidates will be eligible to take the main written examination from amongst the Candidates who have secured the qualifying marks. For the Viva-voce Test the candidates belonging to PwBD category upto 5 (five) times the number of vacancies of such candidates shall be called for Viva-voce Test from amongst the Candidates who have secured the qualifying marks in the main written examination.

[Note : The above amendments in sub-rule(2) are carried out to bring the rules in conformity with the Judgment and Order dated 07/11/2024 passed by the Honourable Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu Writ (Civil) No.2/2024.]

- (3) The minimum qualifying marks in the Viva-voce test conducted for direct recruitment to the cadre of District Judge and Civil Judge, shall be decided by the Selection Committee.
- (4) Merit list shall be prepared on the basis of total marks obtained in Main Written Examination and Viva-Voce Test.”.

8. In the said rules, in rule 10, in sub-rule-(2),

- (a) in clause (i) after the words and bracket “Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)” the words and bracket “Economically Weaker Sections, Women and Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD)” shall be inserted.
- (b) in clause (iii) after the words and bracket “Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)” the words and bracket “Economically Weaker Sections, Women and Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD)” shall be inserted.

9. In the said rules, for rule 12 and proviso thereunder the following shall be substituted namely :-

“12. Fees: The candidates for direct recruitment shall pay such examination fee as may be determined by the Selection Committee from time to time.”.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat.

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

